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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 26, 2004, Applicants elect species 1, application of the fluid prior to forming a barrier layer; species 2, increasing crystallinity; species 3, semicrystalline polymer; and species 4, immersion. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 are readable thereon. This election is being made without traverse.

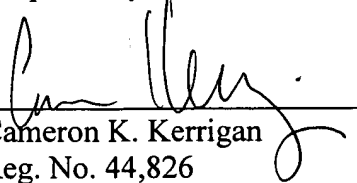
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